

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

18V-580

Manufacturer Name : Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.**Submission Date :** SEP 17, 2018**NHTSA Recall No. :** 18V-580**Manufacturer Recall No. :** MC18-05**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.

Address : PO Box 25252
Santa Ana CA 92799-5252

Company phone : 949-770-0400

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 390

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2018-2018 Kawasaki ZXT02BJ

Vehicle Type : MOTORCYCLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : The affected vehicles containing the problem are 2018 ZXT02BJ. The recall population was determined because the entire population for this particular model is included. In addition, the recall component on the vehicles being recalled is available as a kit part for installation on a similar motorcycle model. Only five have been sold by Kawasaki. We have accounted for all five, two with dealers that have not retailed those to consumers and three with consumers which have been contacted.

Production Dates : DEC 11, 2017 - APR 16, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin : JKBZXVB10JA000006 End : JKBZXVB10JA000605 Not sequential**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Improper welding between the center stand spring mounting pin and the left side center stand bracket may cause the pin to shift or fall off resulting in the center stand spring falling off. If the center stand spring falls off, the center stand may not remain fully retracted and can drop and touch the ground while riding.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : In worst case, this could cause loss of control increasing the risk of a crash resulting in injury or death.

Description of the Cause : Improper setting of welding specification.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR
Address : NR
NR
Country : NR

Chronology :

April 25, 2018 - Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd (KHI) received a field claim from the Japan market (KMJ) regarding breakage of the ZXT02B center stand spring mounting pin on the left center stand bracket. April 2018 - KHI started a collection of field claimed part and an investigation. June 2018 - KHI received a similar field claim from KMJ. July 2018 - KHI received similar field claims from the European market (KME). July 2018 - In the course of investigation, KHI observed delayed fracture on bracket surface of field claimed part, which is likely to be caused by hydrogen brittleness. July - August 2018 - KHI investigated the cause of delayed fracture. August 2018 - KHI found the left side center stand spring mounting pin welding is improper. In some circumstances, this may cause the pin to shift or fall off resulting in the center stand spring falling off. If the center stand spring falls off, the center stand may not remain fully retracted and can drop and touch the ground while riding. August 27, 2018 - KHI decided to initiate recall campaign.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The repair consists of replacing the left center stand bracket.
How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The pin on the new center stand bracket is clearly distinguishable by appearance.
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Countermeasure center stand bracket will be adopted from next production after August 27, 2018.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : KMC will distribute both electronic and paper copies of a Recall Service bulletin to all Kawasaki motorcycle dealers. KMC will mail the owner notification letter via U.S.P.S. enclosed in an envelope with the statement "Important Recall Safety Information" printed on the outside of the envelope.
Planned Dealer Notification Date : SEP 18, 2018 - SEP 19, 2018
Planned Owner Notification Date : SEP 19, 2018 - SEP 20, 2018

* NR - Not Reported